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In response to the Office Action, mailed August 21, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

**Amendments**

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 4, 21, 26, and 27 to read as indicated and add new claims 28 through 43:

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D1

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the vascular endothelial growth factor is VEGF<sub>121</sub>.

D2

21. The viral vector of claim 19, which is deficient in at least one essential gene function.

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26. The viral vector of claim 19, wherein the vascular endothelial growth factor is VEGF<sub>121</sub>.

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